GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:195
ANSWERED ON:11.12.2008
TOURIST POLICE
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether guidelines have since been framed for formation of a tourist security organization for the safety and security of tourists;

(b) if so,the details thereof;

(c) whether the Ministry of Tourism has issued any guidelines to various States to constitute tourist police;

(d) if so,whether the Union Government proposes to provide any financial assistance to the States for the said purpose;and

(e) if so,the details in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT.AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.195 ANSWERED ON 11.12.2008 REGARDING TOURIST POLICE.

(a) & (b): Yes,Sir.Ministry of Tourism in consultation with Ministry of Home Affairs,Ministry of Defence and State Governments/Union Territory Administrations has framed guidelines for formation of Tourist Security Organization(s) comprising Ex−Servicemen,for the safety and security of tourists.The guidelines have been sent to State Governments & Union Territory Administrations.

(c) to (e):'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India.As such, the prevention of crime, including crimes against tourists is the primary responsibility of State Governments/Union Territories.However,in order to ensure safety and security of tourists the Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to deploy Tourist Police in the States /UTs.The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh,Karnataka,Goa, Kerala,Maharashtra,Himachal Pradesh,Rajasthan,Jammu & Kashmir,Uttar Pradesh, Delhi,Punjab,Madhya Pradesh & Orissa have deployed Tourist Police in one form or the other.